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EXPLANATION

**OVERBURDEN ISOPACH**—Showing thickness of overburden, in feet, from the surface to the top of the coal bed. Overburden isopachs within the stripping limit are omitted where they are too close to a mining-ratio contour for map readability. Isopach interval 200 feet (61 m) with an intermediate 500-foot isopach.

**BOUNDARY OF COAL 5 FEET OR MORE THICK**—Drawn along the outcrop of coal bed and/or the inferred contact between burned and unburned coal and/or the 5-foot coal isopach. Arrows point toward area of coal 5 feet or more thick.

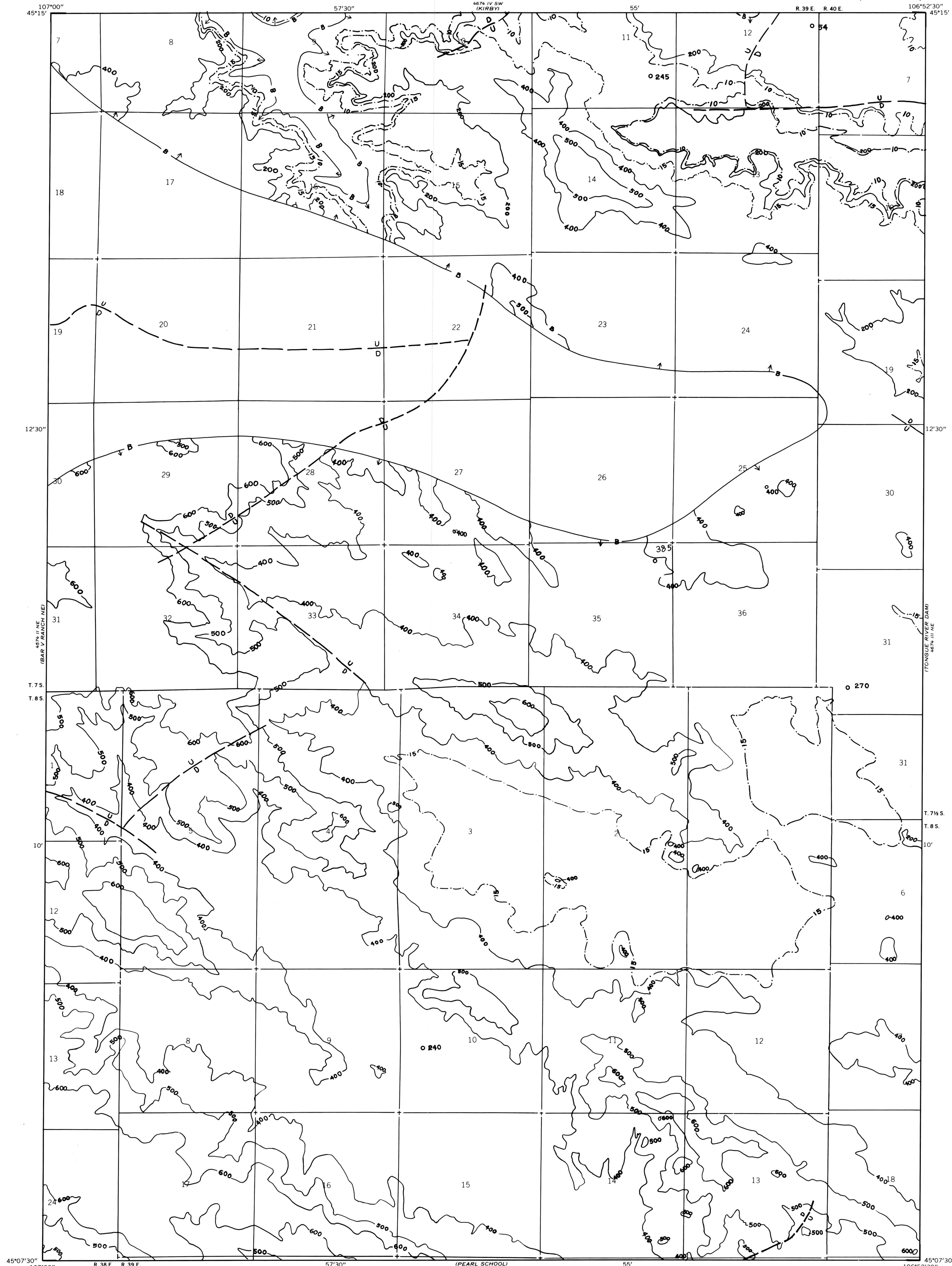
**DRILL HOLE**—Showing thickness of overburden, in feet, from the surface to the top of the coal bed.

**FAULT**—Dashed where approximately located. U, up-thrown side; D, downthrown side.

**MINING-RATIO CONTOUR**—Number indicates cubic yards of overburden per ton of recoverable coal by surface-mining methods. Contours shown only in areas suitable for surface mining within the stripping limit.

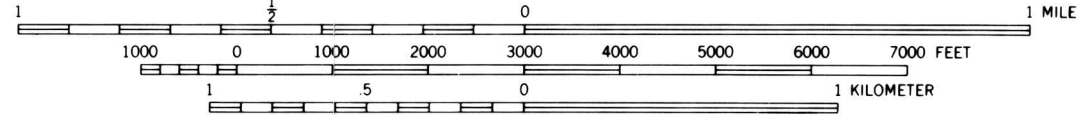
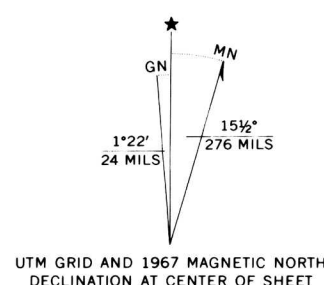
To convert feet to meters, multiply feet by 0.3048.

To convert yds<sup>3</sup>/ton to m<sup>3</sup>/metric ton, multiply yds<sup>3</sup>/ton by 0.842.



Base map from U.S. Geological Survey, 1967

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**COAL RESOURCE OCCURRENCE MAP OF THE HALF MOON HILL QUADRANGLE,  
BIG HORN COUNTY, MONTANA**

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PLATE 22  
OVERBURDEN ISOPACH AND MINING-RATIO  
MAP OF THE CANYON COAL BED